GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1749
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2002
CRASH OF AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of Indian Air Force Aircraft/Gliders crashed during each of the last three years, till date, place-wise;

(b) the loss of Revenue suffered by the Government due to such incidents of crashes during the said period;

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government to prevent such losses in future;

(d) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry on the frequent crashes of such Aircraft;

(e) if so, the out come thereof;

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The details of the Indian Air Force aircraft crashed during the last three years, place-wise, are annexed.IAF does not possess any gliders.

(b) The loss suffered by Government due to these crashes during the said period is Rs. 881.00 crores.

(c) to (f): After every accident, a Court of Inquiry (COI) is instituted and remedial measures are taken on the basis of the findings of COI. Various COI have identified Human Error (HE), Technical Defect (TD) and Bird Hit (BH) to be the major causes of accidents.

Several measures are being taken by the Government to bring down the accident rates, such as formulation of Accident Prevention Programme, Environmental Cleanliness, Bird Hazard Control, Conduct of Studies on Human Error and Technical Defects, and interaction with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited/Original Equipment Manufacturers.

Apart from this a High Powered Committee on Fighter Aircraft Accidents (COFAA) was also set up by the Government to study accidents. Most of the recommendations of the Committee have already been implemented.

ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 174 25.7.2002

The details of the Indian Air Force Aircraft crashed during the last three years place-wise:

Financial Year - 1999-2000

State	Total No. of accidents	Place of accident
Jammu & Kashmir	03	Srinagar, Srinagar, Awantipur
Punjab	03	Amritsar, Pathankot, Adampur
Haryana	02	Sirsa, Ambala
Andhra Pradesh	03	Dundigal, Hakimpet, Hakimpet
Rajasthan	06	Jodhpur, Nal, Jaisalmer, Jaisalmer, Uttarlai, Jodhpur
Assam	04	Tezpur, Tezpur, Tezpur, Mohanbari
Uttar Pradesh	03	Sarsawa, Gorakhpur, Gorakhpur
Karnataka	01	Bidar
U.T. Chandigarh	01	Chandigarh
Gujarat	01	Bhuj

TOTAL 27

Financial Year - 2000-2001

State	Total No. of accidents	Place of accident
Punjab	05	Halwara, Halwara, Pathankot, Halwara, Pathankot
Haryana	01	Ambala
Rajasthan	03	Jaisalmer, Nal, Uttarlai
Assam	05	Tezpur, Guwahati, Tezpur, Mohanbari, Mohanbari
Uttar Pradesh	03	Sarsawa, Sarsawa, Sarsawa
Karnataka	02	Bidar, Yelahanka
Gujarat	02	Naliya, Naliya
Union Territory Delhi	01	Palam
West Bengal	04	Kalaikunda, Kalaikunda, Hasimara, Hasimara

TOTAL 26

Financial Year - 2001-2002

State	Total No. of accidents	Place of accident
Jammu & Kashmir	02	Srinagar, Leh
Punjab	07	Pathankot, Adampur, Pathankot, Pathankot, Adampur, Pathankot, Pathankot
Haryana	01	Ambala
Andhra Pradesh	02	Dundigal, Dundigal
Rajasthan	05	Suratgarh,Jodhpur,Suratgarh,Uttarlai,Uttarlai
Assam	01	Tezpur
Karnataka	01	Yelahanka
Tamil Nadu	01	Tambaram

TOTAL 20

Financial Year - 2002-2003 (up to 21st July, 2002)

State	Total No. of accidents	Place of accident
Jammu & Kashmir	01	Srinagar
Punjab	02	Adampur, Halwara
Haryana	02	Ambala, Sirsa
Rajasthan	02	Jodhpur, Nal
Assam	01	Tezpur
West Bengal	01	Bagdogra

TOTAL 09